fresh capital investment on new schemes, etc. has been received from FACT.

Purchase of Urea Strippers Through Global Tenders

149. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Thal unit of Rashtriya Chemicals And Fertilizers Limited (RCFL) is contemplating to purchase urea strippers through Global tenders;

(b) if so, whether there has been deviation of tender norms by RCFL in order to favour a particular firm after finalization and opening of bid by floating the idea of deemed export;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would place the order strictly according to tender norms on the lowest bider and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) has floated tenders for procuring urea strippers to replace old strippers at its Thal unit as per the normal purchase procedures.

(b) and (c) The tenders for procurement of this item, including the issue of deemed export benefits admissible on the same, are still under examination and evaluation by RCF.

(d) Purchase decision will be taken by RCF on completion of this process, in accordance with the prescribed procedure and the norms.

Consumption of urea and DAP in Rajasthan

†150. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of urea and DAP in Rajasthan during the last three years;

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(b) the total quantum of urea and DAP produced by the public and private sector in that State during the same period; and

(c) the amount of grants given by the Central Government for providing said chemical fertilizers to farmers in that state during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Total consumption of urea and DAP in Rajasthan during the last three years is given below:

Year	Consumption (In Lakh Tonnes)	
	Urea	DAP
1996-97	10.57	2.47
1997-98	11.32	3.23
1998-99	10.08	3.31

(b) Total production of urea in Rajasthan during the last three years is as below:

Year	Production (In Lakh Tonnes)		
	Public Sector	Private Sector	Total
1996-97	—	12.74	12.74
1997-98	—	13.62	13.62
1998-99	—	13.50	13.50

There is no DAP plant in Rajasthan.

(c) The amount of subsidy on urea to manufacturers in Rajasthan under Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme and concession paid to manufacturers/importers of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers under the scheme of concession on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and

potassic fertilizers to farmers in Rajasthan State during the last three years is as below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Subsidy on Urea	Concession on decontrolled fertilizers
1996-97	438.22	49.25
1997-98	625.79	70.56
1998-99	660.79	81.62

Appointment of Dealers for Chemical Fertilizers

*†151. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to issue effective guidelines for appointment of dealers for ensuring availability of chemical fertilizers to farmers in the country at reasonable price and at proper time;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction; and

(c) the number and details of complaints received against the fertilizer dealers in Rajasthan alongwith the number of dealers whose licences have been cancelled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Dealers are appointed by the suppliers looking to their commercial requirement and marketing needs while licence for distributionship is given by the respective State Government. This is true of all fertilizers. However, urea is the only fertilizer which is controlled and for which allocations are made State-wise. Urea suppliers are arranged to the State as per the allocation on aggregate basis by the Government of India. The distribution within the State is

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